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Subj: Col. Otto SKORZENY

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From: District Intelligence Officer, Third Naval District
To: Director of Naval Intelligence (OP322H2B5)

Subj: Col. Otto SKORZENY, Former Aide to Heinrich Himmler

1. Informant, recently returned from Spain, was frequently in the company of subject from 25 September 1950 to 15 November 1950, and submits the following information:

Subject is now living under the name of Rolf STEINHAUER, Industrial Engineer, at Alcala 20, Madrid, Spain. In the course of numerous conversations with the subject, who is best known for his exploits as the leader of the elite Nazi paratroop group that rescued Mussolini, he stated he is at present the underground leader of approximately 800,000 Germans, former Army personnel, who are violently anti-Soviet, and whatever moneys subject is able to acquire at this time is forwarded to Germany in an effort to consolidate this group and it is the hope of subject to evacuate this group as a unit to Africa via Spain in the event of a Russian military movement on the Continent.

Subject stated to informant, on or about the first of November 1950, that within a period of 90 days he expects the Russians to overrun Europe.

Subject is being sponsored in Spain by General Fernandez Del Compo, a very wealthy Spanish Duke. Subject is residing with Countess Von Finkelstein, a Bavarian, whose estates have been sequestered by the Soviets. The Countess has a sister residing in New York, Mrs. Gertrude Barnett, 41 Central Park West.

Subject has stated that he is committed to refrain from publicly assisting the United States, but is desirous of lending any assistance possible if same can be done without being publicly identified.

Subject stated that since the conclusion of World War II, while in Paris, several attempts by the Communists to abduct him were foiled, and for this reason he rarely travels outside of Spain.

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The informant, Edgar Smith, who returned to this country two weeks ago, has terminated his services as engineering advisor to the Spanish Air Mission and was employed in this capacity during the conversations with subject. Informant has stated that in the event a contact is made with subject, the use of his name as the source of this information might be used as an introduction to the subject.

Informant was introduced to DIO 3ND by a friend, who is a Lieutenant Commander, USNR

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